

DIVISION OF CUSTOMER SERVICES  
CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS  
BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY  
THERAPISTS

3 CAPITOL HILL  
CONFERENCE ROOM 104  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Friday, February 12, 2016  
10:00 AM

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Dale Blumen, MFT  
Joseph Costa, Public Member  
Elizabeth Johnson, MFT  
James Pinel, MHC

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Terrance Giblin, MFT, MHC  
Noelle Harris, MHC  
Ronald Mancini, MHC

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Arlene Hartwell, Board Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Judith Drew, Salve Regina University\*

\*Departed at 10:50AM

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Board of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists was held on Friday, February 12, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM on a motion by Dale Blumen and seconded by Elizabeth Johnson. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the October 9, 2015 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Joseph Costa and seconded by James Pinel to accept the Open Session minutes as corrected of October 9, 2015. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes with a correction to page 3, I, omit Commission for Americans with Disabilities and change to the Governors Commission on Disabilities . Motion carried.

3. Board Manager Report

- Invitations from the State of New Hampshire Office of Professional Licensure and Certification were distributed to board members.

4. Old Business

- The proposed changes to the rules and regulations, which require statutory change, did not make to onto the general assembly agenda this session.
  - i. Judith Drew will attend the next Governors Commission on Disabilities meeting and speak with them about moving the legislation forward.

5. New Business

- The board discussed on line CACREP accredited programs
  - i. The onus will be on the applicant to prove that the supervision meets or exceeds the requiremems specified in the regulaitons.

- ii. If a university graduates a student who has matriculated via an online program, the board will accept that the student has met the supervision requirements for licensure.

6. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Joseph Costa and seconded by James Pinel to adjourn to Closed Session at 10:50 AM. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

7. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Dale Blumen and seconded by Joseph Costa at 11:59AM to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

8. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- The board reviewed and approved 1 and denied 2 applications.

9. Adjournment

The next Board of Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists meeting will be held September 16, 2016 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by James Pinel and seconded by Joseph Costa to adjourn at 12:00PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Arlene Hartwell  
Board Manager  
Center for Professional Boards and Commissions